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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

Sub I' 2. (Five-times Amended) A fuel injection valve for opening and closing a needle valve

by driving an armature with a solenoid, said fuel injection valve comprising:

HH a buffer portion damping a change of fuel pressure caused by valve bounce when the needle is closed, said buffer portion being an elastic member disposed at a position at which said buffer portion faces and contacts a fuel passage located at an upstream side with respect to an end face of said armature located on a side of a nozzle opening side,

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